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Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during June totaled 1.2 million pounds, down 8 percent from May and unchanged from the previous year.

There were 1,300 head of **cattle** slaughtered during June, down 100 head from May but up 100 head from the previous year. Average live weight was 838 pounds, up 23 pounds from the previous month and 32 pounds above June 2001. Total live weight, at 1.09 million pounds, was 6 percent below the previous month but 10 percent above the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during June totaled 700 head, unchanged from May but 100 head below the previous year. Live weight averaged 517 pounds, up 10 pounds from May and 18 pounds above a year ago. Total live weight at 386,000 pounds, was up 8 percent from May but 8 percent below the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during June totaled 1,800 head, down 300 head from the previous month and June 2001. Average live weight was 210 pounds, up 5 pounds from May but 4 pounds below the previous year. Total live weight was 377,000 pounds, down 15 percent from May and a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during June was 200 head, unchanged from May and the previous year. Live weight averaged 79 pounds, down 12 pounds from the previous month but 6 pounds above the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.81 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 3.76 billion pounds produced in June 2001.

June 2001 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

June 2002 contained 20 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

Comparing June 2002 with June 2001:

Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.06 million head, down 2 percent from June 2001. The average live weight was 1,236 pounds, up 38 pounds from June a year ago.

Veal production totaled 14.6 million pounds, 6 percent below June a year ago and a new record low for June. Calf slaughter totaled 75,900 head, down 2 percent from June 2001. The average live weight was 319 pounds, down 14 pounds from June a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.48 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.54 million head, 1 percent above June 2001. The average live weight was 265 pounds, up 2 pounds from June a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 8 percent from June 2001 and a new record low for June. Sheep slaughter totaled 229,700 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 10 pounds from June a year ago.

January - June red meat production was 23.0 billion pounds, 3 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year; veal was down 4 percent; pork was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	May	June		Jan - June		June		Jan - June	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
-----Number, thousand head-----									
Cattle	1.4	1.2	1.3	8.6	8.2	3,120.2	3,063.2	17,535.1	17,565.6
Calves	0.7	0.8	0.7	4.2	4.4	77.4	75.9	484.7	473.6
Hogs	2.1	2.1	1.8	15.4	13.8	7,484.2	7,535.7	47,857.7	48,428.6
Sheep & Lambs	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.4	1.4	232.8	229.7	1,605.2	1,627.9
-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----									
Cattle	1,154	994	1090	7,061	7,097	3,737,989	3,785,218	21,059,910	21,782,379
Calves	358	421	386	2,117	2,225	25,739	24,214	159,821	153,663
Hogs	441	442	377	3,378	2,938	1,969,364	1,996,956	12,632,659	12,918,747
Sheep & Lambs	14	16	16	135	133	32,734	30,109	227,743	223,361
-----Average live weight, pounds-----									
Cattle	815	806	838	821	865	1,198	1,236	1,201	1,240
Calves	507	499	517	504	506	333	319	330	324
Hogs	205	214	210	219	213	263	265	264	267
Sheep & Lambs	91	73	79	96	95	141	131	142	137
-----Million pounds-----									
Red meat	1.3	1.2	1.2	8.2	8.1	3,758.7	3,812.3	22,122.9	22,991.1

Louisiana & United States Cattle And Calf Inventories

Class	Louisiana ¹	United States		2002 as a % of 2001
	Jan. 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2002	
		-----1,000 Head-----		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	850	105,800	105,200	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	520	43,000	42,900	100
Beef Cows	466	33,900	33,750	100
Milk Cows	54	9,100	9,150	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	109	16,400	16,200	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	81	4,600	4,600	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	11	3,600	3,700	103
Other Heifers	17	8,200	7,900	96
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	24	14,600	14,500	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	32	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	165	29,700	29,500	99
Calf Crop 2/	405	38,280	38,400	100

¹Estimates are not published for Louisiana on July 1, 2002. ²For the current year, the U. S. calf crop is the number of calves born before July 1 plus the number expected to be born on and after July 1. For Louisiana, it is calves born in 2001.

July 1 Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

All **cattle and calves** in the United States as of July 1, 2002, totaled 105.2 million head, 1 percent below the 105.8 million on July 1, 2001, and 1 percent below the 106.3 million two years ago.

All **cows and heifers** that have calved, at 42.9 million, were slightly below the 43.0 million on July 1, 2001, and 1 percent below the 43.2 million two years ago.

- **Beef cows**, at 33.8 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2001, and 1 percent below two years ago.
- **Milk cows**, at 9.15 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2001, but were down 1 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2002, and the changes from July 1, 2001, are:

- **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 16.2 million, down 1 percent.
- **Beef replacement heifers**, 4.6 million, unchanged.
- **Milk replacement heifers**, 3.7 million, up 3 percent.
- **Other heifers**, 7.9 million, down 4 percent.
- **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.5 million, down 1 percent.
- **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- **Calves** under 500 pounds, 29.5 million, down 1 percent.
- All **cattle and calves** on feed for slaughter, 12.4 million, down 5 percent.

Louisiana Catfish Growers Survey

Commercial catfish operations in Louisiana had 13.8 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2002, down 39 percent from the July 1, 2001, total of 22.6 million. Live weight totaled 18.8 million pounds for all foodsize fish, 40 percent below July 1, 2001. The breakout of foodsize fish inventory numbers, on July 1, 2002, with percent changed from the previous year are: large foodsize, 520,000, down 40 percent; medium foodsize, 4.9 million, down 41 percent; and small foodsize, 8.4 million, down 37 percent. Catfish producers had 27,000 broodfish on hand on July 1, 2002, down 46 percent from last year. Live weight totaled 165,000 pounds for broodfish, down 43 percent from July 1, 2001. The number of stockers on hand on July 1, 2002, totaled 45.0 million fish, up 30 percent from the 34.7 million fish on hand a year ago. Of the total number of stockers on hand, 16.5 million were large stockers, down 30 percent from the previous year. The remaining 28.5 million were small stockers, up 157 percent. Live weight totaled 9.60 million pounds for all stockers, 10 percent above July 1 of last year. Producers had 94.3 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2002, down 18 percent from the 114.8 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2001. Live weight, at 1.70 million pounds, was up 20 percent from the 1.42 million pounds a year ago.

United States Catfish Growers Survey

Commercial catfish operations in the four major producing states (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi) had 386 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2002, up 4 percent from the July 1, 2001, total of 372 million. The breakouts of foodsize fish inventory numbers on July 1, 2002, with their respective percent change from the previous year are: large foodsize, 10.2 million, up 66 percent; medium foodsize, 94.4 million, up 24 percent; and small foodsize, 281 million, down 3 percent. The four major states also had 1.05 million broodfish on hand on July 1, 2002, down 18 percent from last year's 1.28 million. The number of large stockers on hand on July 1, 2002, totaled 379 million fish, up 12 percent from the 338 million fish on hand a year ago. There were 388 million small stockers, down 6 percent from last year. Producers had 1.64 billion fingerlings and fry on hand on July 1, 2002, down 11 percent from the 1.83 billion on hand July 1, 2001. Live weight, at 25.1 million pounds, was up 14 percent from the 22.1 million pounds a year ago.

Louisiana Catfish Production, July 1, 2002, with Comparisons To United States

Item	Louisiana				United States			
	Total Number		Total Live Weight		Total Number		Total Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	-----1,000 Fish-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----		-----1,000 Fish-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----	
Broodfish	50	27	292	165	1,280	1,052	5,912	5,435
Large Foodsize	860	520	2,750	1,890	6,170	10,220	20,450	34,190
Medium Foodsize	8,300	4,900	15,700	8,500	76,100	94,400	140,000	176,800
Small Foodsize	13,400	8,400	12,900	8,400	289,300	281,000	287,400	285,300
Total Foodsize	22,560	13,820	31,350	18,790	371,570	385,620	447,850	496,290
Large Stockers	23,600	16,500	7,760	7,200	337,600	378,800	133,660	159,800
Small Stockers	11,100	28,500	990	2,400	413,200	388,100	40,490	39,400
Total Stockers	34,700	45,000	8,750	9,600	750,800	766,900	174,150	199,200
Fingerlings/Fry	114,800	94,300	1,420	1,700	1,830,300	1,636,000	22,080	25,140

Prices Received Index Up

The Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July was 100, based on 1990-92=100, up 2.0 percent from the June index. Higher prices for wheat, soybeans, hogs, and corn more than offset decreased prices for broilers, milk, eggs, and cattle. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher marketings for grapes, wheat, tobacco, and tomatoes more than offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupes, potatoes, and asparagus.

The All Farm Products Index was 7.4 percent below July of last year. Lower prices for broilers, cattle, hogs, and strawberries more than offset higher prices for wheat, corn, soybeans, and potatoes.

The Food Commodities Index increased by 1.0 percent over last month, to 98, but was 11 percent below July last year.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The July Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates was 123 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from June but 0.8 percent below July 2001. Lower prices in July for LP gas, feeder pigs, and hay and forages were offset by higher prices for feeder cattle, feed concentrates, nitrogen fertilizers, and feed grains.

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Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	July 2001	June 2002	July 2002 ¹	July 2001	June 2002	July 2002 ¹
	Dollars			Dollars		
Soybeans, per bushel	5.19	2/	2/	4.79	4.88	5.50
Rice, per cwt	5.75	4.15	3.94	5.32	3.86	3.80
Upland Cotton, per pound	.409	.300	3/ .307	.389	.349	3/ .321
Hay, all, baled, per ton	N/A	N/A	N/A	96.30	95.80	93.60
Beef Cattle, per cwt	55.40	48.20	47.60	71.80	64.10	63.30
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	81.90	70.50	70.00	75.00	67.00	66.10
Cows, per cwt	41.70	38.20	36.00	42.90	39.30	37.70
Calves, per cwt	96.70	84.80	85.00	108.00	94.80	93.20
Broilers, live, per pound	N/A	N/A	N/A	.420	.330	.310
Eggs, All, per dozen	N/A	N/A	N/A	.540	.632	.576
Milk, All, per cwt 4/	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.20	11.60	11.20

¹Mid-month; ²Insufficient data to establish price; ³Based on sales during the first half of the month; ⁴Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. N/A = Not Available

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